



## Education Standards and Practices Board

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### MINUTES

Thursday, November 18  
Fort Union, State Capitol

### CORRECTION

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by chair, Doug Johnson. Board members present were Linda Davis, Don Haugen (a.m. only), Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. ESPB staff members present were Janet Placek, Deb Jensen, Bonnie Thompson and Diane Weber. Also present was Bill Peterson from the Attorney General's Office, Linda Edwards from NDEA and Gary Gronberg from DPI.

Board members not attending the meeting: Laura Carney and Randy Gordon.

The board and staff attended the ND Legislative Council Education Finance Committee meeting that was held at the same time that the board meeting was held. Doug Johnson and Janet provided testimony to the Education Finance Committee. Former board member, Mary Harris also provided testimony to the committee.

A motion was made by Don to approve the October board minutes as written. Second was made by Linda. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

The October financial statement showed \$40,188.15 in revenue with \$37,108.69 in expenses leaving \$3,079.46 as net income for the month and \$33,818.07 as net income for the year to date. A transfer of \$40,000 was placed into a money market at 4.4% and \$10,000 into a certificate of deposit at 6.3% interest on October 19. Thirty-nine percent of the budget has been expended as of October 31, 1999.

The 1998-99 year end report was distributed. The board also had an opportunity to view the code of ethics document. A motion was made by Bev to have our legal counsel research section 67.1-03-01-01 of the code of ethics document to do disciplinary procedures comparison with other like boards. Second by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

Janet informed the board that three individuals have contacted the ESPB office to become national board certified.

Deb reported that in October and November 6 sets of program approval standards were revised (social studies, science, art, early childhood, health and math). A Program Approval Advisory Committee conference call has been scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup> to review the comments and

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recommendations that were made regarding the standards. The program approval visits were completed at Trinity Bible College, November 7-9 and the University of Mary, November 14-17. Deb reported on various ways the colleges of teacher education are incorporating performance assessments. She informed the board of professional development plan outlines and reflections that had been received from the Greater Barnes County Consortium Training session.

Doug LaPlante gave his presentation on NDACTE report on state testing. Doug reminded the group that North Dakota teacher education programs have a testing program in place. The test is used as an entrance to the teacher education program.

## **CASES**

### **Kristin Healey-McCarter**

Ms. Healey-McCarter has reapplied for a ND license. She was denied licensure in May due to failure to provide all prior college transcripts. A motion was made by Linda to issue Ms. Healey-McCarter a license. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were: Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

### **Tim Thueson**

Mr. Thueson provided his evaluation to the board. Mr. Thueson's two-year probation will end in February, 2000. Part of the agreement of the probation is that he provides his school evaluations to the board. Janet mention to the board that Mr. Thueson is no longer employed with the McClusky School District and now he is employed with the Pettibone/Tuttle School District as a teacher and a part-time principal. A motion was made by Maryjane to notify Mr. Thueson's present employing school district that Mr. Thueson needs to be evaluated prior to March 3, 2000 and submit a copy of the evaluation to the board. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Mr. Thueson will be placed on the March agenda for board case action.

### **Dustin Undlin**

Mr. Undlin has reapplied for ND licensure. He applied for licensure in August, 1998, but was not issued a license at that time due to incomplete application information. After much discussion, Mike made a motion to issue an initial two-year license. Second by Maryjane. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens and Mike Schatz. Bev Sandness voted no. Mr. Undlin will be employed as an industrial tech instructor at Sherwood Public School District.

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**Patrick Fairbanks**

A motion was made by Mike to begin the process to revoke Mr. Fairbanks' license. Second by Linda. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. The board based their decision on NDCC 15-36-15, section 3. Mr. Fairbanks was an instructor at Circle of Nations School at Wahpeton. He pled guilty to delivery of alcoholic beverages to a person/persons under the age of 21. Mr. Fairbanks license does not expire until 12-12-99.

**Jeffrey Myers (for board information only)**

**Mark Sondag (Administrative Board)**


Mr. Sondag is presently teaching at the Selfridge Public School as a guidance counselor and an elementary principal. Mr. Sondag's license is being considered as board action due to a code of ethics issue. Mr. Sondag has been convicted of theft but not yet sentenced. After a lengthy discussion, Maryjane made a motion to table the case until sentencing. Second by Bev. Motion carried. Administrative board members voting yes were Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness.

Doug distributed the executive director evaluation form to each board member. Doug reminded the group to return the completed form to him by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30. The December 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting will be held via conference call. The conference call has been scheduled for 1:30 CT.



Chair  
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Secretary/Executive Director